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Security becomes police force in fall

Jeff Wirick

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Elon College is currently going through the steps of converting to a fully-armed police force, which could be in place by Sept. 1, said Elon Security Director Charles Gantos.

Approval of the plan must still come from the school and the state district attorney's office.

Gantos hopes the department will pass an inspection by the district attorney's office, which will take

place sometime early in the fall.

The biggest advantage of the new system is the ability to deal with non-students, Gantos said.

"(The increased violence) highlights the fact that we are getting outside influences of a criminal element," Gantos said. "And we have to be prepared. This is one way to deal with it."

The new system would give campus police the ability to handle more cases on their own.

During the arrest of flasher William Randolph Capes, 29, 308 Broad St., Gibsonville, Gantos said he could only "keep the suspect

busy," until town police arrived. Capes could have left at any time.

Under the old system, if Gantos had made an attempt to force Capes to stay in one place, Gantos could have been charged with a crime.

When the new system begins, a campus security officer can make an arrest on a non-student.

This new policy will allow for quicker response time, give more time for accident investigation on campus and give officers more resources during campus events and parties, Gantos said.

Gantos also said that officers will not carry weapons during rou-

tine patrols around campus.

Additional training will be required by officers.

The state requires several hundred hours of basic law enforcement training, a background investigation, drug screening, a psychological test and a written exam that deals with the rights of officers on a college campus.

The college requires several other forms of training, which includes a communications test, a physical training test, process of arrest training and a campus police procedures test.

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Michael Rodgers passes the gavel to Ward Culver, thus ending his presidential career at Elon College.

Flasher victims urged to come forward

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A 23 year-old Greensboro man was arrested early Saturday morning. Three separate groups of students reported to campus security that a man was displaying inappropriate sexual behaviors in the Jor-

dan Center parking lot and on Lee Street.

James Brian Sutton, 1019 Scott Hall, Greensboro, was arrested and charged with five counts of indecent exposure. The North Carolina A&T University student reportedly exposed himself three separate times to local residents.

"At first, I thought it was a

fraternity brother playing a joke," said a victim who asked to remain anonymous. "I wasn't scared, but definitely disgusted."

Sutton was arrested Saturday at 2:59 a.m. and has a scheduled court date of April 29. He secured a \$500 bond Saturday morning.

Monday morning, after hear-
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\$500,000 allotted for renovations

Sarah Smith

Staff Reporter

Elon College is spending around \$500 thousand in residence hall renovations this summer in the hopes of keeping more students in the dorms.

"Over the next few years, doing half a million in renovations each year will make a great impact," Scott Nelson, assistant dean of students said.

Many of the changes will surface in Carolina Hall, currently an all-female, freshman dorm. The biggest improvement in the dorms will be the remodeled bathrooms. Smith

Hall, the brother to Carolina, will also receive many upgrades as the renovations are phased in over the next few years.

As students prepare for housing selection for next semester, these changes become even more relevant. Modification in the housing selection process itself will also give students more options.

Every student has the opportunity to squat their current room for
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